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We know that golf as a sport has many benefits, both mentally and physically. The sport of golf also has an interesting social part unlike other sports, but today with you we would like to touch more the business and economic part. What benefits does a golf course generate, how many jobs, direct and indirect, we are also very interested in the sustainability and ecological issue that is so current.

It is true that Golf, as a sports practice, is beneficial for health. It is a physical activity that is practiced outdoors, which involves walking several kilometers, and which, as you well say, is good for the mind and for the character, among other things because it is usually a humility cure!

As for golf as a business and economic activity, the reality is that in Spain the Golf industry is a tourist product since the industry has been sized to receive the 1,200,000 Golf tourists that Spain receives. Regarding the benefits that you ask me generated by a golf course, I understand that it refers to the general benefits generated by the activity at a social level, not to the accounting of the companies, since that depends on each case. I can tell you that Golf is one of the tourist activities that brings the most benefits to the Spanish economy and society.

To begin with, our high season is in spring and autumn, so we are a powerful tool for the desired seasonal adjustment and what this means in terms of sustainability. On the other hand, Golf attracts a tourist with a higher purchasing power than the average tourist. Golf tourists also usually have a longer

stay, since they stay an average of 11.9 days, compared to 7.4 days of stay for non-golf tourists, and spend 7 out of every 8 euros outside the golf course. The three hundred-odd Golf courses in Spain have a turnover of around 770 million euros.

Another advantage of the Golf activity is that we provide stable and quality employment. The sector has direct employment data that I believe are very important, employing 12,000 people with 95.5% of permanent contracts (the national average is 73.2%), and 94.1% of permanent contracts. full time. If we take into account indirect and induced employment, we would be talking about 121,400 jobs.

With regard to the environment, to say that in Spain 70% of golf courses irrigate with recycled water, and 30% that still do not, is mostly because they do not have access to it. And 88% have water saving systems for irrigation. For years we have seen that many fields are changing the varieties of grass they use, looking for varieties that need less water. Most of the courses are refuges where we can find a great variety of migratory birds that use the golf courses and their lagoons to rest a few weeks before continuing their trip. Anyway,

Thank you for your kindness and good disposition always. Good Luck!